Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, The number of elderly and disabled Americans is dramatically increasing; and,

Whereas, Assisted living is a long-term care service that fosters choice, dignity, independence, and autonomy in our elderly throughout the community; and,

Whereas, The South Dakota Assisted Living Association and the National Assisted Living Association, along with the state of South Dakota, proudly acknowledge National Assisted Living Week 2009; and,

Whereas, The theme of National Assisted Living Week 2009 is "Traditions of the Heart":

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim the week of September 13-19, 2009, as

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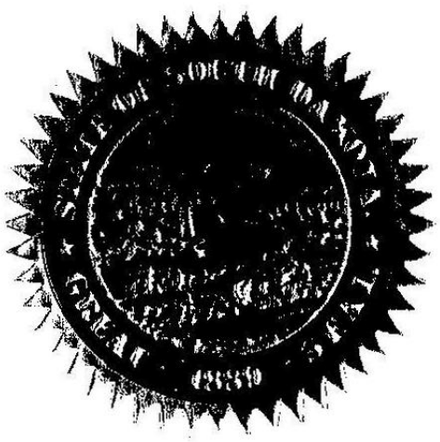
in South Dakota, and I urge all citizens to visit friends and loved ones who reside at these facilities and also to learn more about assisted living services and how they benefit our communities.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twelfth Day of August in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Nine.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State